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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR:

Subject: State Department Intelligence Research Reports

1. ICAPS invites your attention to the attached memorandum from the Chief, Distribution Division, Dissemination Branch, OGD, notifying the several Assistant Directors of the availability of State Department intelligence research reports.

2. The OGD invitation to obtain these reports for the Assistant Directors raises the question whether agency intelligence reports should be made available to the Offices of CIG without first having been reviewed by ORE. It is not only possible, but probable, that many departmental reports, whether State, War or Navy, will not be in accordance with the evaluations of ORE. In some instances ORE will find it necessary to make a CIG report on the same subject, incorporating additional intelligence material and developing a different interpretation. During the time lag, however, if CIG Offices receive and operate on the basis of agency reports, confusion and misdirection may result.

3. It is the opinion of ICAPS that one of the most important functions of ORE is to supply the other CIG Offices with the intelligence background against which they should operate.

4. Accordingly, it is recommended that a directive be issued to insure that all agency reports destined to CIG Offices be first evaluated by ORE. Such evaluation need not be complete and thorough, but should give indication to the Office of designation whether the ORE opinion is: (1) "this evaluation appears to be acceptable" or; (2) "this evaluation appears to require review" or; (3) "this evaluation appears to be incorrect and should not be used for operational purposes."

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